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House Appropriations Request FY 2010

Project Name: Center for Forensic Sciences
Recipient: North Carolina State University
Recipient Address: Campus Box 7001, 304C Holladay Hall

Recipient City: Raleigh
Recipient State: North Carolina
Recipient Zip: 27695-7001

Amount of Request: \$500,000

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds): Law enforcement agencies today are overwhelmed with the requirements for public safety and enhancing homeland security. In particular, the rapid increase in homicides and other serious crimes means that the efficient processing of evidence is often subject to serious delays, both within the SBI agencies and the FBI. With sufficient infrastructure, NCSU's current and rapidly growing inter-disciplinary forensic activities can be more effectively utilized for assisting law enforcement in the state and nation in the investigation of homicide and other criminal cases, as well as providing critical research, technical, logistical and educational support to prepare our state and nation for man-made or natural catastrophic events leading to mass casualties.

No inter-disciplinary center exists in the Carolinas, Georgia or Florida— a region home to 40 million citizens. Establishment of a world class, member-based interdisciplinary Center for Forensic Sciences at North Carolina State University will directly serve the UNC-Tomorrow initiative, creating a mechanism for applying research and scholarship to address significant regional and statewide issues.

In order to offer more opportunity for public scrutiny, I have posted information on each project request submitted to the Appropriations Committee at the time the request was made.

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